

“The Gospel According to Isaiah”

Isaiah 53:1-12

4-16-17 Sun AM

Easter is all about the gospel! Had there been no incarnation...perfect life, cross... there would be no resurrection!

This morning we gather as the redeemed to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ!

There are four amazing facts about this passage?

1. Some 700 years before the crucifixion, Isaiah writes a prophecy about the suffering servant [Messiah] who took the place of guilty sinners and paid the price of their salvation.
2. How do we know the servant is Jesus? The N.T. refers to Isaiah 53 some 85 times and relates the prophecy to Jesus.
3. Some 30 prophecies were fulfilled from this chapter at the cross. There were 300 all together.
4. This passage also speaks of Israel's future salvation and confession of faith when they recognize who He is at his second coming.

TT- This Resurrection Sunday I want to expound 4 truths about the gospel according to Isaiah.

I. The Life of the Messiah [53:1-3]. The Messiah was rejected in 3 ways:

1. His Position was rejected [v.1a].

* This is not a question to find out how many believed, but how many did not believe. It is a cry of lament over the rejection of the message of the prophets.

*This is what Israel will say at His second coming when they look on the one they pierced.

* God's word speaks of a remnant who will believe the message of the prophets and apostles [Rom 10:16].

Jesus often marveled at their unbelief and called them a faithless generation. After 3 year ministry there were only 120 disciples who followed him up to the birth of the church at Pentecost.

2. His Person was Rejected [v. 2].

* The imagery here speaks of his common person, his lowly conditions of his birth-born in poverty to humble parents, in a manger in Bethlehem, and lived in Nazareth.

* He was not born into royalty. They were ashamed of him because he did not reflect what was important to them- wealth, status, power, and self.

* The language here does not mean he was ugly or homely, but common. He did not have stately form or splendor.

3. His Power was Rejected [vs.1b, 3].

* They rejected the power of God in his life. “The arm of the Lord” is his incarnation as God in human flesh.

* They looked down on his position, person, and power.

I. The Life of the Messiah.

II. The Death of the Messiah [53:4-8].

1. His Substitution.

He was bearing the awfulness of sin for the undeserving sinner. The word “our” is all over these verses.

1 Pet. 2:24, “Who his own self bare our sins in his body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed.”

2 Cor. 5:21, “For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

They thought he was afflicted and smitten by God for his sin of blasphemy, but he was smitten for our sins [v. 4b].

2. His Suffering.

(1). He Suffered Physically-

He was wounded or pierced thru speaks of his hands and feet [v. 5a]. He was bruised speaks on being crushed under the weight and burden of sin. He bore every sin ever committed past, present, and future, of those who would believe.

He was chastised as if he were guilty. The Father treated the Son like the sinner so He could treat the sinner like the Son. His death satisfied the Father’s righteous wrath on the sinner and gave us peace.

(2). He Suffered Spiritually-

He bore our transgressions, iniquities, grief’s and sorrows. He became sin for us, bearing that sin and separation from the Father was the greater pain.

He died and suffered so we could be healed [v. 5c]. He healed from sin and ultimately the consequences of sin at glorification [vs. 6, 12]. We can’t be rid of sickness while in these corruptible bodies.

This passage speaks of healing from sin:

* The context is spiritual salvation and being healed from sin.

Sin is the cause of physical infirmities.

* Three different Hebrew words are used for sin 9 times in this passage.

* Bore and carried [v. 4] refer to guilt offering [v. 10]. He was made sin not sickness.

3. His Submission (vs. 7-8).

(1). He Opened not His Mouth [v. 7].

He submitted willingly to the will of the Father. He was resigned to the Father's will.

John 18:11 he told Peter "Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?"

2. He showed his willingness to die voluntarily for our sins.

I. The Life of the Messiah.

II. The Death of the Messiah.

III. The Burial of the Messiah [v. 9]. He fulfilled prophecy in his burial.

1. They wanted to throw his body in the Potter's field or garbage heap.

2. He was buried in a rich man's grave as prophesied? Joseph of Ar-i-ma-thae-a begged for the body of Jesus and buried him in his tomb.

IV. The Resurrection of the Messiah [53:10-12].

It pleased the Lord to bruise him [v. 10a]. It does not mean the Father rejoiced in his suffering and death, but was satisfied with the completed work of redemption.

Acts 2:23, "Jesus was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands crucified and slain."

Q- What was His reward?

1. He did the Father's will (vs. 10a, 11).

2. He would have a spiritual family "See his seed" (v. 10b).

3. He would be resurrected "prolong his days" (v. 10c).

4. He would have an inheritance with the Father [v. 12a].

5. He would live to make intercession for his seed (v. 12b).

The message of Easter is that Jesus lives and we will also!